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**PARENTS AND STUDENTS** hold a rally at the Huntington Beach City School District on Tuesday to protest the district's reopening plan.

## NMUSD employees protest school reopening plan, ask for more time

BY SARA CARDINE

With the reopening of Newport-Mesa Unified School District schools set to begin next week, district officials, employees and parents on both sides of the argument of whether in-person instruction can safely resume are digging deeper into their ideological trenches.

Hundreds of NMUSD employees and parents rallied Sunday in a motorcade to protest the planned resumption of in-person learning for transitional kindergarten through second-grade classes on Sept. 29. Employees were represented by the Newport-Mesa Federation of Teachers and the California School Employee Assn.

Meanwhile, district officials confirmed Monday while talks with union representatives are still ongoing, NMUSD would move ahead with plans to reopen campuses through Oct. 12, when middle and high school students are scheduled to return.

About 200 vehicles drove in a caravan Sunday from the teachers union's office on Bristol Street to Costa Mesa High School, convening in a demonstration with speakers who described an inadequacy of safeguards and a hasty effort to roll out a hybridized learning model comprising both online and in-person instruction.

NMFT President Tamara Fairbanks said teachers were joined by CSEA members and parents, many of whom want the district to

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## Costa Mesa fire crews rescue 3 trapped in blaze

BY SARA CARDINE

Costa Mesa Fire & Rescue crews saved three Costa Mesa residents trapped in an early Saturday morning apartment fire before later responding to a small brush-fueled fire in the city's Talbert Park.

Two adults and one child were rescued from a first-floor apartment on the 500 block of Joann Street shortly after 2:30 a.m. Saturday, after a fire broke out in the living room and created so much smoke they could not find an exit, fire officials said Monday.

Costa Mesa Fire & Rescue Department spokesman Capt. Joe Noceti said the tenants called in the fire and remained on the phone with a dispatcher while a crew made its way to the apartment complex.

"They actually gave the dispatcher play-by-play information and were able to relay their location," said Noceti, who was at the scene of the fire. "There was a functioning smoke alarm going off the whole time."

Fire crews rescued an adult male and female and one female child while they battled the blaze, preventing its spread to nearby units. Firefighters remained on scene until 6:30 a.m.

"It took about four hours to button everything up," Noceti said. "The occupants were assessed by paramedics but didn't have to be hospitalized."

Residents were periodically evacuated from their apartments but were allowed to return when it was determined no other units had been damaged. Preliminary estimates indicate the incident may have caused about \$40,000 in property damage and \$10,000 in content loss.

Noceti said the cause of the fire was still under investigation, adding that the landlord of the unit was cooperating with investigators. Two pet rabbits, which had gotten loose during the fire, were located and returned to the victims, he added.

Fire & Rescue crews received a second fire call Saturday at around 1 p.m. of a brush fire that



Courtesy of Costa Mesa Fire & Rescue

**COSTA MESA** Fire & Rescue crews rescued two adults and one child from an apartment fire Saturday morning on the 500 block of Joann Street.

had broken out in the southwest corner of Talbert Park.

Once on scene, firefighters quickly contained the flames, which, fueled by surrounding brush, had grown to an area of about 50 square feet.

"We were able to extinguish it in minutes, then we overhauled it for a good hour and a half to make

sure it was put out well," Noceti said. "We were lucky there was no wind, because wind could have blown some of the embers toward nearby houses."

The cause of the fire was still under investigation on Monday.

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## Huntington City Council favors on-site owners for short-term housing rentals

BY MATT SZABO

The Huntington Beach City Council moved closer to legalizing short-term vacation rentals in Surf City on Monday night, though with a high number of regulations.

Short-term rentals are currently prohibited in Huntington Beach residential areas, with the unofficial exception of Sunset Beach.

Council members listened to a presentation by David Bergman of Lisa Wise Consulting before coming to a consensus.

They directed city staff to have an ordinance prepared, to be reviewed by City Atty. Michael Gates, allowing short-term rentals with a high threshold of regulations.

Short-term rentals are considered rentals of fewer than 30 days. The regulations include the requirement of having an on-site owner, minimum and maximum days of stay and a limit on the number of people per bedroom. Hosts would not be required at Sunset Beach rentals.

Short-term rental owners would need to register for a permit and pay a business license fee. They would also need to pay the Transient Occupancy Tax and pay into the Tourism Business Improvement District.

Despite short-term rentals technically being prohibited in Huntington Beach, many are available on sites like Airbnb

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Courtesy of Amanda Shepherd

**HUNTINGTON BEACH** resident Amanda Shepherd is pictured at the candlelight vigil honoring the late Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg on Sunday.

## Candlelight vigil honoring Ginsburg held in H.B. Sunday

BY MATT SZABO

More than 100 people gathered in Huntington Beach on Sunday night for a candlelight vigil honoring the late Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, who died Friday at the age of 87.

Participants were passed electric candles and then walked from Triangle Park south toward the Huntington Beach Pier, said organizer Bethany Webb, a Huntington Beach resident.

The vigil was organized by local left-leaning progressive group HB Huddle, of which Webb is a member.

"We didn't get one angry [motorist], there were no counterprotesters, there was no negativity at all," Webb said. "It was just a beautiful, peaceful homage to an amazing woman who lived an amazing life and did a lot of really unbelievably good things for women."

The walk didn't quite reach the pier due to outdoor dining currently in place downtown on Main

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## Newport crash ends with 1 dead, 1 arrested

BY LILLY NGUYEN

A car chase that began in Huntington Beach early Sunday morning ended in Newport Beach with a 42-year-old passenger dead and the driver of the car arrested.

A black Honda Accord was found on its roof in the 3000 block of Pacific Coast Highway, Newport Beach Police Department spokeswoman Heather Rangel said. Ramiro Benitez was found dead at the scene, according to county coroner's records.

The driver allegedly tried to flee but was arrested by Newport Beach police officers and transported to an undisclosed hospital for treatment of his injuries, police said.

Huntington Beach police said at around 5:35 a.m., an officer attempted to make a traffic stop of the reported stolen vehicle near Goldenwest Street and Ellis Avenue. A pursuit followed when the motorist did not yield to the lights or sirens of the patrol vehicle, police said.

The driver headed southbound on Goldenwest and headed east on Pacific Coast Highway, police said, driving at legal speeds before leaving downtown Huntington Beach, where the vehicle then increased its speed to more than 100 mph. Police said the chase was called off due to the "reckless and dangerous" speed of the suspect.

The Huntington Beach Police Department, the lead agency investigating the incident, said it would not immediately release the suspect's name or charges in light of his current medical condition but asks anyone with information or who may have witnessed the incident to call local authorities at (714) 536-5951.

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## REOPENING

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hold off on reopening until all can agree it's safe to do so.

"A lot of people have concerns about the rash way the district is trying to assemble the first day back at school," she said. "You have a plan that's been publicized, but the directives have not been given to the employees."

While Newport-Mesa is a week away from reopening its campuses, Tuesday marked the first day all Orange County schools were allowed to reopen for in-person instruction.

The Fountain Valley School District on Tuesday welcomed its elementary school students back to classrooms. The district's campuses reopened under a hybrid model with morning and afternoon cohorts learning on a split schedule.

In a Sept. 11 communication to parents, district officials explained middle schools would reopen in a rotating day hybrid schedule, with one group of students returning to campuses on Thursday and a second group beginning Friday.

Some parents in Orange County believe it's too early to reopen schools. Huntington Beach City School District parents held a rally at the district headquarters on Tuesday afternoon, prior to a special board meeting held over Zoom that night.

April Helliwell of Hawes Elementary School PTA, one of the event organizers,



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**ALEX DEJULIO**, 5, center holds a sign during a rally at the Huntington Beach City School District headquarters on Tuesday.

said in a Facebook post that the rally was created because parents want better communication and transparency from the district on its plans to reopen the elementary schools in a safe manner.

Huntington Beach City School District plans to transition to hybrid instruction no earlier than Oct. 26.

The Huntington Beach Union High School District plans to return to campus on Nov. 3 in a hybrid model.

Newport-Mesa Unified spokeswoman Annette Franco said district officials did not formally attend the demonstration on Sunday but were aware employees planned to rally.

She maintained the district is adhering to state and county guidelines and is even waiting a full week after Orange County schools were given the green light from the state to reopen on Sept. 22 to begin welcoming students back on a staggered basis.

"We're being very responsible in when we're reopening schools and how we're reopening schools. [And] we are really taking it seriously," Franco said Monday. "Our big thing is just making sure people know we're following the guidance."

In Orange County, the number of new infections and testing positivity rates eased somewhat Tuesday, with the seven-day county-wide average of new cases falling from 4.7 to 3.6 per 100,000 with an average of about 3.1% testing positive for the virus.



**JULIE ZARVOS** and her son Ace Zarvos, 6, attend a rally at the Huntington Beach City School District headquarters.

County health officials on Tuesday reported 181 new cases of the virus and 22 more deaths, bringing the cumulative number of cases to 52,382 and the number of deaths to 1,150. Some 170 people were being seen in area hospitals Tuesday for COVID-19, 55 of whom were being treated in intensive care units.

Dr. Clayton Chau, the Orange County Health Care Agency director, said in a media briefing Monday

that two weeks after being placed by the state in a red tier category, indicating "substantial transmissions," a decline in new virus cases could help transition Orange County to a lower or "moderate" tier that would allow for more indoor business and activities.

"If everything goes well, one week from tomorrow we might be entering the orange tier," Chau said. He also reported indica-



### Myrtle Yoshioka Asahino

April 14, 1933 - September 11, 2020

On September 11, 2020, Myrtle Yoshioka Asahino, loving wife, mother and grandmother, passed away at the age of 87.

The third of five children born to Masato and Shige Yoshioka in Kaunakakai on the Friendly Isle of Molokai, Myrtle spent a happy childhood on the rustic Hawaiian island, with fond memories of eating peanuts and "talking story" with friends and siblings on the town's pier. To help supplement her father's income as the butcher in Misaki's Store, she would sometimes work in the pineapple fields, preferring to be outdoors rather than working indoors as a seamstress.

Myrtle was very independent. Against the strong advice from her father, she left home and family at the age of 14 for the bright lights of Honolulu, with the understanding that greater opportunities existed in the big city. She attended McKinley High School, then graduated from the University of Hawaii in 1955 with a degree in Home Economics with a concentration in Dietary Institutional Management, all the while supporting herself on a tight budget.

Soon after graduation, her big adventure began. She moved to Boston and proudly worked at the renowned Massachusetts General Hospital as a hospital dietician. The big eastern city was such a spectacular delight for the tropical island girl. Actually watching Ted Williams play at Fenway Park instead of listening about it through the static of the radio was astonishing.

The adventure continued on to St. Luke's Hospital in Chicago. Through mutual friends, she met the love of her life, Steve Asahino, an orthodontics student at Loyola Dental School. The two were married at the University of Chicago in 1959 and soon got busy building a home and family. They moved to Newport Beach in 1960 because it was reminiscent of their beloved native Hawaii, and because Dr. Asahino understood the growing area was an ideal location to start his orthodontics practice. Before long, they had four children: Steven, Karen, Kathryn, and Kenny. They found the time to explore the world together, travelling throughout the U.S., Europe, Hong Kong, and Japan, where Dr. Asahino helped introduce orthodontics to his ancestral home.

Myrtle's generous Aloha spirit was infectious, and she made friends far and wide. Many are blessed to be in her Ohana. Her philanthropic work at Bowers Museum through MEDELLAS with other Asian American women brought out the best of her fundraising skills. She was active in Cal State Fullerton's Oral History program, recognizing the importance of preserving stories from the Issei, first generation pioneers who settled in the LA and Orange County area.

Mostly though, she loved a good party. Their home was often filled with the Hui Aikane (a close group of island transplants) and a wide group of other friends, bringing tasty potluck dishes, ukuleles, and raising the spirit of Aloha.

When Dr. Asahino unexpectedly passed away in 1985, her large Ohana became all the more important to Myrtle. She was a charter member of "The Walkers," a group of fellow lady volunteers from the 1984 Olympics who can still be seen to this day walking the early morning streets of Dover Shores and solving the world's problems. Her family grew with the arrival of her grandchildren Paul, Cole, Malia, Claire, Eliza, and Nuala. She was a loving and nurturing grandmother, being an integral positive influence in each of their lives. Their kind and generous hearts are Myrtle's legacy.

Myrtle's generous spirit and positive outlook knew no limits. When she was given lemons, she would literally make a delicious lemon meringue pie and return it as a gift. She couldn't stand to see anyone lonely. If she knew a remote acquaintance who would be alone during the holidays, she would invite them over for one of her famous Christmas parties. She was always quick to laugh, and to make us laugh with her unique insights and good humor. We were blessed with her charming smile up until the very end.

We are saddened to see her pass, but comforted knowing she is reunited with her departed loved ones. The angels and the saints are going to love her lemon meringue pie.

Myrtle is survived by brother Isamu (Ruth) Yoshioka, sisters Janet Nagasako and Cherry (Jerry) Kobashigawa; children Steven, Karen (Dan) Selleck, Kathryn (Rich) Tait, and Kenny (Catherine); grandchildren Paul Selleck, Cole Tait, Claire Selleck, Malia Asahino, Eliza Tait, and Nuala Asahino; plus numerous nieces and nephews. She is preceded in death by parents Masato and Shige Yoshioka, beloved husband Steve Asahino, and sister Misao "Sue" Rivera. Her life will be honored with a private grave side ceremony. Once restrictions are lifted, Myrtle's life will be celebrated with a large party, as she would have liked.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a contribution to the Second Harvest Food Bank of Orange County in memory of Myrtle at [https://www.yourfooddrive.org/drive.php?myrtles\\_food\\_drive](https://www.yourfooddrive.org/drive.php?myrtles_food_drive)

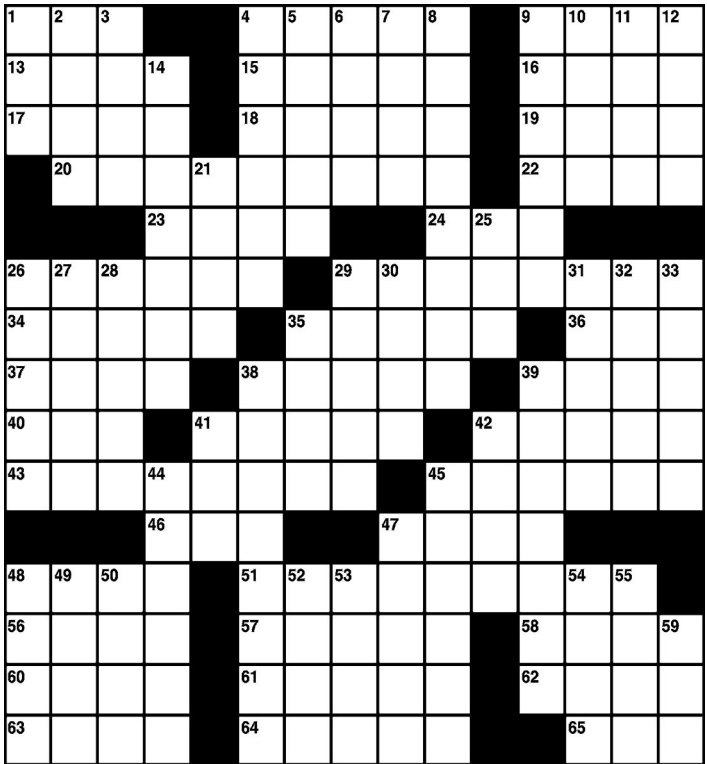


## THE DAILY COMMUTER PUZZLE

By Jacqueline E. Mathews

**ACROSS** 1 Watch from hiding  
4 Watchband  
9 Twin-blade razor  
13 Hula \_; twirling toy  
15 Once and again  
16 Stage article  
17 Throw with force  
18 "Easy \_"; Peter Fonda film  
19 Ashen-faced  
20 In \_; all prepared  
22 Black-\_ peas  
23 Small bay  
24 "The Lady \_ Tramp"; Sinatra song  
26 Suave; polished  
29 Toadstool  
34 Sulks  
35 Like neglected furniture  
36 Prefix for mature or school  
37 Unsullied  
38 Sits for a photo  
39 Aquatic mammal  
40 Feminine suffix  
41 Makes the wild mild  
42 TV's Milton  
43 Kept  
45 Fold line  
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47 Plumbing problem  
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57 Gold measure  
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60 \_ easy; fried egg preference  
61 Uneven  
62 Long look  
63 Forms a union  
64 Waste line  
65 Fell

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## SUDOKU

By The Mephram Group

Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit, 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit [sudoku.org.uk](http://sudoku.org.uk).

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**For answers to the crossword and Sudoku puzzles, see page A3.**

1 "Be quiet!"	resolutely
2 Serve coffee	9 Show up
3 Olden times	10 Waiter's item
4 Try hard	11 Acting part
5 Strong string	12 Imitated
6 Carnival attraction	14 Appease; soothe
7 Large clubs	21 Ho and Ameche
8 Continues on	25 Bashful

26 Higher berth  
27 Stir from sleep  
28 Explode  
29 Thought deeply  
30 Does drugs  
31 La Scala production  
32 Certain grad exams  
33 Free-for-all  
35 Rounded roof  
38 IHOP's specialty  
39 Looking for  
41 \_ up; bind  
42 Sassy child  
44 Deadly vipers  
45 Middle  
47 Tenant's contract  
48 Shine  
49 Powerful emotion  
50 Got older  
52 Hard to come by  
53 Expand  
54 Ark builder  
55 Tool with an arched blade  
59 Use needle & thread

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tions from Orange County schools that reopened TK-6 classes earlier this month with a state-approved waiver, including the Los Alamitos Unified School District and more than 130 private and charter schools, that no new coronavirus infections among teachers, staff or students had been reported.

"We made it very clear that the schools that we approved [for TK-6 waivers], that they have to let us know if they have any positive cases," Chau said. "So far, we have not gotten any case reports yet."

Although Orange County's numbers look relatively promising compared to record high cases and hospitalizations seen in June and July, NMUSD employees say they are still concerned if campuses are reopened too soon, outbreaks could occur.

"We understand that schools need to reopen, but safety needs to be paramount," said NMUSD maintenance technician and union steward Gary Logan, who attended Sunday's protest. "What would be more damaging to students would be to bring them back and then have to send them home again because we're not ready."

Logan said many of the supplies and equipment promised by the district haven't arrived, while additional custodial staff reportedly hired to enhance disinfection regimens aren't yet in place.

"They ran job interviews back in July and August, but those people are not here," he said. "The air filters we have in the air conditioners meet minimum standards, and they're in the process of upgrading them, but it hasn't been finished. The supplies are coming in slowly, but they probably won't be in by the 29th."

Melanie Bassett, a sixth-grade teacher at the district's Wilson Elementary School, said she's concerned Title 1 schools that serve socioeconomically disadvantaged students could have a higher risk of exposure but fewer resources than schools in well-heeled neighborhoods.

A single mother who cannot afford to get sick, Bassett says she's also worried about the timing of the district's reopening plan, especially when negotiations with employee unions are still going on.

"I would really like to see them push back the start date so we could work out the simple things," she said. "If we just give it more time and were better prepared that would be better."

### ORANGE COUNTY COVID-19 STATS

Here are the latest cumulative coronavirus case counts and COVID-19 deaths for select cities in Orange County:

- Santa Ana: 10,082 cases; 267 deaths
- Anaheim: 8,922 cases; 249 deaths
- Huntington Beach: 2,360 cases; 70 deaths
- Costa Mesa: 1,787 cases; 29 deaths
- Irvine: 1,627 cases; 12 deaths
- Newport Beach: 1,110 cases; 22 deaths
- Fountain Valley: 501 cases; 16 deaths
- Laguna Beach: 211 cases; fewer than five deaths

Here are the case counts by age group, followed by deaths:

- 0 to 17: 3,651 cases; one death
- 18 to 24: 7,874 cases; four deaths
- 25 to 34: 11,305 cases; 17 deaths
- 35 to 44: 8,378 cases; 32 deaths
- 45 to 54: 8,457 cases; 99 deaths
- 55 to 64: 6,300 cases; 163 deaths
- 65 to 74: 3,139 cases; 235 deaths
- 75 to 84: 1,795 cases; 246 deaths
- 85 and older: 1,436 cases; 353 deaths

Updated figures are posted daily at [ochealthinfo.com/coronavirus-in-oc](http://ochealthinfo.com/coronavirus-in-oc). For information on getting tested, visit [ocovid19.ochealthinfo.com/covid-19-testing](http://ocovid19.ochealthinfo.com/covid-19-testing).

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# Candidates' interest in seats on Mesa Water and Costa Mesa Sanitary district boards percolates

BY SARA CARDINE

Costa Mesa voters will have a lot to think about Nov. 3 when they cast ballots in the presidential election and decide numerous statewide measures. But some local races could have even more of an impact closer to home.

Take, for instance, the contests for two special utility districts — Mesa Water District and the Costa Mesa Sanitary District — which respectively provide fresh drinking water and sewer and trash services to city residents.

Both district's boards of directors have seats up for election in November, including the Division 2 seat on the Mesa Water District board and the Division 2 and Division 4 seats on the board that governs the Costa Mesa Sanitary District.

The seats of Mesa Water District incumbents Fred Bockmiller, who represents Division 1, and 3rd Division Director Marice H. DePasquale were also up for election, but both candidates are running unopposed.

Here is a look at the can-



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**IN NOVEMBER**, Costa Mesa Sanitary District voters will elect candidates for open seats on the district's board of directors, representing Division 2 and Division 4.

didates, in alphabetical order, who have been qualified to run for the open seats.

### MESA WATER DISTRICT Division 2

**Adam Ereth:** A longtime Costa Mesa resident, Ereth believes Mesa Water customers' rates are too high and says he would focus on

directing district funds toward mitigating concrete asbestos pipes and focus on a robust water conservation program. Currently finishing a PhD in water-focused research in the Norman J. Arnold School of Public Health, Ereth has been an environmental health manager working alongside governmental agencies.

**James Fisler** (incumbent): First elected to the board in 2010, and then re-elected in 2012 and 2016, Fisler served as board president from 2012 to 2014. He credits the district's emphasis on providing local drinking water, as opposed to imported resources, for keeping rates low. He says Mesa Water is rare in that it

does not rely on property taxes for funding, so customers pay based on use.

### COSTA MESA SANITARY DISTRICT Division 2

**Brett Eckles:** A graduate of Newport-Mesa Unified schools, Eckles owns a small business that helps build water treatment plants and facilities. He says he's concerned about the CMSD's involvement in two sewage spills near the Upper Newport Bay and opposes a 34% solid waste rate increase levied against residents. Eckles hopes to reduce operational expenses, reduce rates and impose term limits for directors.

**James Ferryman** (incumbent): First elected to the Costa Mesa Sanitary District Board in 1988, Ferryman has served as president for multiple terms and was past president of the Newport-Mesa Unified School District and the National Water Research Institute and chairman of the Orange County Sanitation District, among other leadership positions. He credits CMSD for keeping customer service ratings in the highest range during his

tenure.

### Division 4 Michelle Figueredo-Wilson:

A real estate professional and resident of Costa Mesa's west side, Figueredo-Wilson says she wants to do a better job serving ratepayers across CMSD's service area by not using reserve funds to balance budgets and renegotiating the district's service contract to realize savings and help fund infrastructure improvements. She also says she will focus on implementing a long-term financial plan that will improve the management of expenditures.

**Art Perry** (incumbent): First elected to the board in 1992, Perry says CMSD's rates are among the lowest in the nation. Under his tenure, the district has implemented a curbside organics recycling program and completed nearly \$6 million in wastewater-related capital improvements. An Estancia High School teacher for 40 years, Perry is a former director of Costa Mesa United, a local nonprofit that supports youth sports.

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## Seniors can catch classical music performances via Zoom classes

BY ANDREW TURNER

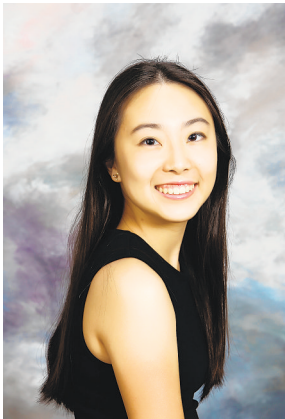
Laguna Beach Live! and the Susi Q Senior Center have come together to provide a platform for rising stars in classical music to showcase their abilities.

"Live! at the Q" is a program that will feature young and talented artists as their performances are made available over a digital medium.

The Susi Q Senior Center in Laguna Beach will host Nicole Kouwabunpat, a pianist from Chamber Music OC's pre-college program that will play pieces from the work of celebrated composers like Johann Sebastian Bach, Frederic Chopin, Johannes Brahms and Joseph Haydn.

Members of Chamber Music OC's pre-college program range from ages 10 to 18.

Kouwabunpat, a senior at Aliso Niguel High School, has performed at various venues, including the Newman Recital Hall at USC, the Soka Performing Arts Center and the Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts.



Courtesy of Kouwabunpat family | Simonson Photography

**NICOLE KOUWABUNPAT** will be the first featured performer for the "Live! at the Q" program.

Kouwabunpat's performance can be seen in a Zoom class from 3 to 4 p.m. on Thursday, the link to which can be found through the senior center website at [thesusiq.org/register-for-free-classes.html](https://thesusiq.org/register-for-free-classes.html). Cindy Prewitt, the president of Laguna Beach Live!, said that the audience would be limited to 100 attendees in the Zoom room, but the program is

free to view.

"It's something I would like to continue because it's something that reaches out to those who can't go out, even when it isn't COVID, or who don't want to go out," Prewitt said. "I think this is a silver lining, to be able to reach people who are homebound in a new and good way."

The program will include a short interview with April Kim, the education director for Chamber Music OC. Those attending the event will have the opportunity to ask Kouwabunpat questions in the chat.

Prewitt said that grants from the Laguna Beach branch of the Assistance League and the Festival of Arts Foundation helped in purchasing a microphone to have musical performances recorded.

As for her hopes for the program, Prewitt would like to see "Live! at the Q" happen monthly and have the ability to livestream the classical music artists on YouTube.

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## CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS

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Courtesy of Bethany Webb

**PEOPLE GATHER** at Triangle Park in Huntington Beach on Sunday evening at a candlelight vigil honoring the late Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, who died Friday at age 87.

## VIGIL

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Street, Webb said, although some of the restaurant patrons applauded in support. It turned around at Orange Street, and when the participants got back to Triangle Park, there was a moment of silence for Ginsburg.

It started after dusk out of respect for the Jewish holiday Rosh Hashanah, which ended at dusk on

Sunday.

Ginsburg, known as a legal giant and fierce women's rights activist, was Jewish.

Huntington Beach resident Amanda Shepherd said she attended the vigil with her husband, Bruce, and their 13-year-old son, Luca.

"[Ginsburg] was so important for equal rights and just such a pioneer," Shepherd said. "She was so graceful in her approach, and my life would be so dif-

ferent if it wasn't for her work, even in things like time off for pregnancy."

Huntington Beach resident Connie Garver, who also attended, said it was important for her to show support.

"'RBG' was pretty iconic," Garver said. "I think she did a lot for democracy and a lot for women's rights. I think it was good that we honored her."

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## SPOKEN FROM THE HEART.

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**TOMMY GRIFFIN**, who has committed to Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, is the fourth senior to commit from the Corona del Mar High football team.



HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

Corona del Mar High's Griffin commits to Cal Poly San Luis Obispo football

BY MATT SZABO

Tommy Griffin has leadership qualities, as part of what Corona del Mar High School football coach Dan O'Shea calls the Sea Kings' royal family. Griffin's father, John, is the program's director of football operations and head coach of the freshman team, which has five perfect

10-0 seasons in the last decade. Griffin's older brother, Charlie, was a safety on the 2013 CdM team that won CIF Southern Section Southern Division and CIF State Division III titles. Tommy Griffin already has a similar resume. Last year as a junior safety, he helped the Sea Kings win CIF Southern Section Division 3 and CIF State Division 1-A titles. The 2019 team joined the 2013 team with a perfect 16-0 record. Griffin has now made his college choice. He has verbally committed to Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, he said Tuesday.

"I can kind of be far away, but still be close," Griffin said of deciding to play on the Central Coast. "I really enjoyed what the coaching staff said, how they'd use me and where they think this program is going. It's a really great place to be." O'Shea said that Griffin had 10 Division I offers, and Griffin said he chose Cal Poly over other programs he was strongly considering like San Jose State, UC Davis and Nevada. He is the second class of 2021 Sea King to commit to Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, joining offense lineman Jake Trachtman.

Lineman Thomas Bouda (Army) and tight end Scott Giuliano (Harvard) are the other current CdM football commits. There's a reason why O'Shea calls Griffin, a first-team All-Sunset League and first-team Daily Pilot Dream Team selection, the best safety in program history by the time he graduates. He had 64 tackles, three tackles for a loss and three interceptions as a junior, as well as a penchant for big plays. Griffin's last interception, with two seconds left in the fourth quarter, sealed the Sea Kings' 35-27 win over San Mateo Serra for the state championship. Griffin knows that some will doubt the Sea Kings, who lost a bevy of offensive starters, this year. But he is ready to compete. "I think this team has the potential to go back-to-back and win state [again]," he said. "I think this is going to be the toughest defense CdM has ever had. We're going to shock a lot of people, and I think we're a really good football team."

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NEWPORT BEACH FIRE STATION NO. 2

Contract No. C-8269-2

\$8,300,000  
Engineer's Estimate

Approved by  
James M. Houlihan  
Deputy PWD/City Engineer

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:  
MIRIAM KATHLEEN HEGENER  
CASE NO. 30-2020-01159458-PR-PW-CJC  
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of MIRIAM KATHLEEN HEGENER.  
A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by P. JOSEPH HEGENER, JR. in the Superior Court of California, County of ORANGE.  
THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that P. JOSEPH HEGENER, JR. be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. THE PETITION requests the decedent's WILL and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The WILL and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.  
THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.  
A HEARING on the petition will be held in this court as follows: 10/21/20 at 10:30AM in Dept. C06 located at 700 CIVIC CENTER DRIVE WEST, SANTA ANA, CA 92701  
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Contract No. 7288-2

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Engineer's Estimate

Approved by  
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RENTALS

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and Vrbo. Bergman showed that there were 867 units available for rent from May 2019 to April 2020. Of those units, 74% of them were considered non-commercial, with only one unit per owner. "We're not going to be able to get rid of it," Councilwoman Kim Carr said. "We're going to have to figure out a way to effectively monitor it, enforce it, limit it. What we don't want to see is the continued proliferation that we see happening through Huntington Beach ... A lot of times people think short-term rentals are only happening in the downtown area or Sunset Beach. But if you look at the heat map, we're seeing this all over the city now. We're seeing it next to Golden West College, you're seeing it in Seal Cliff, you're seeing it in southeast Huntington Beach. It's everywhere, and we're not getting our arms around it." Mayor Pro Tem Jill Hardy said it was important to consider factors and like property values and neighborhood character and she strongly favored hosted rentals.

"I think it's important that we remember that we represent the residents of Huntington Beach, and not necessarily an absent owner who bought an investment and then creates a problem for our neighborhoods," Hardy said. Councilman Erik Peterson agreed that regulations were necessary. "We do have it codified

that you can't rent for less than 30 days in Huntington, it's illegal," he said. "We have 867 people breaking the law ... I really think we have to have an enforcement plan on this. I mean, we should be enforcing now. It can't be that difficult."

PLAYGROUND GETS OK IN CENTRAL PARK

The City Council also voted 6-0-1 on Monday, with Councilman Patrick Brenden absent, to approve the design concept of a new playground in Huntington Central Park West. The playground, a repurposing of an area formerly designated for group picnics, would have risk-based play features including cable/rope-based climbing activities. The project is designed for children ages 5 to 12 and has an estimated cost of \$1.2 million. "I think that this is something that's really going to be a destination for a lot of families," Carr said. "I know that when I had small kids, I would go to other cities to go to special, unique parks, and I think that building something like this will be like that. I think people will come from Seal Beach, they will probably come from Westminster or even Garden Grove to visit something that I think will be super-cool ... This really is that cutting-edge of what playgrounds are, and having this facility in our backyard is going to be a true benefit."

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